



# SOUTH YUBA RIVER CITIZENS LEAGUE

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Dear Wendy:

Thank you for your invitation to participate in the 99-B131 "Yuba Tools" Project. We agree that this proposal represents an historic opportunity to move watershed planning and flood control efforts forward in the Yuba River basin in a feasible, environmentally sustainable way.

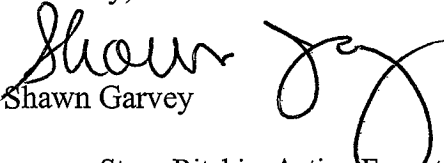
With \$90 million in Proposition 13 directed towards non-dam flood control in the Yuba and Feather watersheds, the need for this process has become heightened. Proposition 13 allocates resources for levee safety, bypasses, watershed management and reservoir management in the Yuba River system. Currently, there exists no collaborative vehicle for decision-making regarding flood risk reduction strategies on the Yuba and Feather.

We have met with representatives of numerous state and local agencies and elected officials. All agree that a collaborative vehicle for decision-making regarding the disposition of Proposition 13 monies is necessary, and we believe that this CALFED process may present the perfect opportunity in which to make these decisions.

SYRCL and the Sierra Club commit to fully participating in the 99-B131 process. We agree that the Ecosystem Roundtable decision regarding the scope of Yuba Tools – which proposed collaborative investigations of *non-dam* options for enhanced flood control, ecosystem restoration and clean water – shall serve as the parameters for this effort. We would reiterate our commitment to investigating these non-dam options.

We are excited that you have chosen this watershed in which to focus efforts towards investigations of environmentally sustainable flood control solutions.

Sincerely,

  
Shawn Garvey

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